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1. After inspection and surveying by Soviet advisers and technicians in early August 1951, several thousand men were conscripted for repair work on the old airfield at Tanchu (110-32, 23-26), Kwangsi. These men comprise a large number of laborers, including earth workers, carpenters, masons, and builders, conscripted from Pingnam (110-22, 23-33), Kungshan (110-27, 24-08), and T'enghsien (110-54, 23-22). Approximately 500 more men were conscripted from the prison camps in Wuchou who are former Nationalist officials and soldiers captured by the Communists. The repair work was started in the middle of August and is supervised by six Soviet technicians from the Central and South China Area Air Force Department. The repairs are being carried out on the runway, the hangar, and the fuel storage tanks.
2. The runway is 1,800 meters long, about 50 meters wide, and about 1.50 meters thick. Two steam rollers have been working on the runway since early in September. The earth foundations have been finished and work on the surfacing is going ahead.
3. The hangar and the fuel storage tanks are built into the Maoerhkang (貓兒崗) Hill in the southeast corner of the airfield.

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